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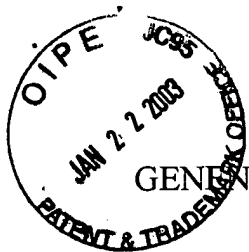
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with filing a Request for Continued Examination of the above indicated application. Prior to issuance of an Office Action, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks. The following amendment and remarks assume that the amendment received in the Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 2002 was entered.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 72, 73, 77, 81, and 85.

Please add the following new claims:

86. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having at least 80% sequence identity with amino acid residues 27 to 374 of the native sequence murine GFR α 3 polypeptide of Figures 1A-B (SEQ ID NO: 5), and having the ability to regulate peripheral neuronal function.

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